



Plastics

Plastic Recycling Code – How can you tell whether to put a plastic container into your recycling bin? Turn the product over and look for the recycling symbol, a triangle with a number from 1 to 7 inside. That number is the “Resin Identification Code” or RIC. Each number represents a different type of plastic and some are more easily recycled than others.

Do's

- Make sure it's clean! Don't recycle it until it's clean!
- Products labeled Code 1 or Code 2 are accepted. These typically include soft drink and soda bottles; plastics from cereal boxes, containers for salad dressing, vegetable oil and peanut butter; oven ready meal trays; butter or margarine tubs; and containers for laundry detergent and cleaners.

Plastic Don'ts

- Municipalities differ on whether to accept products labeled with Code 4 and Code 5. These typically include squeezable bottles, bread wrappers, frozen food bags, dry cleaning bags, yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, some straws and prescription bottles.
- Plastic grocery and produce sacks are commonly, but not always, made from plastic types 2 or 4. These bags are often collected in barrels at grocery stores.
- Products labeled with Codes 3, 6 or 7 are less often accepted for recycling. These include window cleaner and dishwashing detergent bottles, some shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging and disposable cups.



Courtesy of the Town of Elsmere.

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Curbside Single Stream Recycling Program

The State of Delaware has mandated that Curbside Recycling be provided to every Residential Property in the State.

This Brochure will outline what is a recyclable material and what is not. For additional information please visit the Town of Elsmere Website at elsmere.delaware.gov.



Paper and Cardboard

Do's

- Corrugated Cardboard (boxes)
- Magazines
- Office Paper (all colors)
- Newspapers
- Paperboard (cereal boxes)
- Paper Cardboard dairy/juice cartons (must be rinsed)
- Unsolicited direct mail (even window envelopes are okay)
- Phone Books

Don'ts

- Waxed paper
- Food contaminated paper (such as cheese encrusted pizza boxes)
- Mixed metal and paper (like stapled paper, just remove the staple and the paper can be recycled).

Metals

Do's

- Aluminum Cans
- Foil & Aluminum Bakeware
- Steel cans and tins (rinsed out soup cans, veggie cans, coffee cans, etc.)
- Wire Coat Hangers
- Empty Aerosol Cans

Don'ts

- Food Contaminated Metals (like a half eaten can of beans – rinse out the beans and the can is good to recycle)
- Automotive Parts
- Plumbing Parts
- Paint Cans with wet or dried-on paint
- Electronics



Glass

Do's

- Clear Glass (rinsed mayonnaise containers, pasta sauces, pickle jars, etc.)
- Brown amber glass typically used for beer
- Green bottles typically used for wine

Don'ts

- Any glass contaminated with stones, dirt and food waste
- Ceramics, such as dishware, ovenware and decorative items
- Heat resistant glass such as Pyrex
- Mixed colors of broken glass
- Mirror or window glass
- Metal or plastic caps, corks or lids
- Crystal
- Light Bulbs
- Cathode ray tubes